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TITLE OF INVENTION ANTI-THEFT ALARM FOR PORTABLE COMPUTER

ATTY'S DOCKET NO.	CLASS-SUBCLASS	BATCH NO.	APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	FEE DUE	DATE DUE
3 00-001	340-571.000	C43	UTILITY	YES	\$620.00	05/23/01

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# Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/522,812

Examiner

Benjamin C. Lee

Applicant(s)

PATTERSON, JENNIFER

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to communication filed 12/11/00 and Examiner's Amendment.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-11; 14-21 and 24-30; renumbered 1-26 by Examiner.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are acceptable as formal drawings.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
  1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

5. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE FOR SUBMITTING NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS, OR A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION. This three-month period for complying with the REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL is extendable under 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

6. ☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
7. ☒ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review( PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the examiner.
  - (c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.

**Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.**

8. ☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any reply to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE / SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

## Attachment(s)

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| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)            |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                    | 4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. <u>4</u> |
| 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. <u>1</u> | 6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                    |
| 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance              |
|  | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other  |

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### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Coleman, Jr. on 2/12/01.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

1) Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

-- 1. (Amended) A method for causing a speaker to sound an audible alarm in a portable computer having a cover, a main computer body, a hinge between said cover and said body, and an interrupt vector, said method comprising:

- a) detecting foldable closing of said cover relative to said body;
- b) causing an interrupt to occur within said portable computer;
- c) said interrupt causing branching control to a fixed address in said interrupt vector

following said detecting; and

- d) generating said audible alarm from said speaker following said interrupt;

and further comprising: detecting whether said speaker is enabled; and detecting whether said alarm is activated by an authorized user. --.

2) Claims 12-13 have been deleted.

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3) In claim 14, line 1, "13" has been changed to --11--.

4) Claim 21 has been amended as follows:

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~~21~~ (Amended) A method for causing a speaker to sound an audible alarm in a portable computer having a cover, a main computer body, a hinge between said cover and said main computer body, a status location indicating foldable closing of said cover against said body, and an instruction segment, said method comprising:

a) polling said status location to detect said foldable closing of said cover against said main computer body;

b) causing execution of said instruction segment following detection of said status location indicating said foldable closing of said cover against said main computer body; [and]

c) said instruction segment generating said audible alarm;

and further comprising: detecting whether said speaker is enabled; and detecting whether said alarm is activated by an authorized user. --.

5) Claims ~~22-23~~ have been deleted.

6) In claim 24, line 1, "23" has been changed to --21--.

3. Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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Drive, Arlington, VA., Sixth Floor (Receptionist).

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Examiner Benjamin Lee at telephone number (703) 305-0412. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 6:00am-4:30pm. If attempt to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffery Hofsass, can be reached on (703) 305-4717.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-8576, Mon-Fri, 8:30am-5:00pm.

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February 21, 2001

  
**Benjamin C. Lee**  
**Primary Examiner**

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